

Salmon Arm Mixed Slo-Pitch League

2023 FALL BALL RULES

(Alterations from Spring League)

1. **HOMERUN RUNNING RULE:** you have the choice to walk off after a homerun has been hit.
2. **SMALL/BIG BALL RULE:** Fall Ball will be played with “small ball/big ball”. Females have the option at the start of each at bat to choose whether they would like to hit the small ball or a big ball.
3. **HOME TEAM RULE:** Home team is decided by a coin toss. If one team arrives before the other team they can start putting the bases out before the home team is officially decided.
4. **TEAM RULE:** A team may field 9 players with the 9th or 10th batting position (depending on the gender of the missing player) being automatic out. When the 10th player arrives, they may assume their spot in the batting order. An automatic out cannot be the 3rd out of the inning. Should the ‘auto-out’ come up in a 3rd out situation then you would skip it and continue to the next batter in the order.
5. **INNING RULE:** The game will consist of 7 innings. A game may be called after 5 innings if weather, daylight, or time is an issue. If teams agree to call the game in between an inning, the last completed inning determines the final score.
6. **BASE RUNNING:** You must touch all of the bases when running past them, or stop on the base when not advancing. If you over run you may be put out. The exception is at home plate – the no-touch home plate line is in effect.
7. **SLIDING AND TAGGING:** Sliding and tagging are permitted. Tagging is permitted at any time, and you must tag a runner on a non-force play for an out. You may slide at 2nd base and 3rd base, and may slide back to 1st base.
8. **BUNTING:** Females are allowed to bunt.
9. **10th BATTER RULE:** Maximum 10 batters, or 3 outs, per inning – no open inning. The 10th batter cannot be walked, and runners do not advance on ball 4. If there are less than two out, the ball must be thrown home. When the 10th batter comes up with two out they may be put out, or any runners on base may be put out, in the normal manner.

All other rules from Spring League